

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A water-containing powder composition comprising aqueous gel cores, obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, coated with hydrophobic particles, wherein the aqueous gellant is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The water-containing powder composition of claim 1, wherein the aqueous gel cores are obtained by gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, and freeze-shattering the gel.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The water-containing powder composition of claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 4. (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The water-containing powder composition of ~~any one of claims~~ Claim 1 -3, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A process for manufacturing a water-containing powder composition comprising gelling an aqueous phase ingredient with a water-soluble gellant, which is one or more components selected from the group consisting of agar, gelatin, carageenan, gellan gum, and magnesium sodium silicate, to form aqueous gel cores, and coating the aqueous gel cores with hydrophobic particles.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The process for manufacturing the water-containing powder composition of claim 6, wherein the aqueous phase ingredient caused to gel using a water-soluble gellant is formed into powdered aqueous gel cores by freeze-shattering.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A cosmetic preparation comprising the water-containing powder composition according to Claim ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying the cosmetic preparation of claim 8 to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition.

Claim 10 (New): The water-containing powder composition of claim 2, wherein the hydrophobic particles have a particle diameter of 1/10 or less of the particle diameter of the aqueous gel cores.

Claim 11 (New): The water-containing powder composition of Claim 10, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 12 (New): A cosmetic preparation comprising the water-containing powder composition according to Claim 11.

Claim 13 (New): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying the cosmetic preparation of claim 12 to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition.

Claim 14 (New): The water-containing powder composition of Claim 2, wherein the cores obtained from the aqueous gel are powdered gel cores.

Claim 15 (New): A cosmetic preparation comprising the water-containing powder composition according to Claim 14.

Claim 16 (New): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying the cosmetic preparation of claim 15 to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition.

Claim 17 (New): A cosmetic preparation comprising the water-containing powder composition according to Claim 2.

Claim 18 (New): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying the cosmetic preparation of claim 17 to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition.

Claim 19 (New): A cosmetic preparation comprising the water-containing powder composition according to Claim 3.

Claim 20 (New): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying the cosmetic preparation of claim 19 to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition.

Claim 21 (New): A cosmetic preparation comprising the water-containing powder composition according to Claim 5.

Claim 22 (New): A method of applying makeup, comprising applying the cosmetic preparation of claim 21 to the skin and applying pressure to cause water to release from said composition.